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SETTING UP OF HI-TECH SURVEILLANCE CENTRE IN PORBANDAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set-up a hi-tech surveillance centre in Porbandar; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes Sir. In order to effectively monitor, control and manage the operation of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels in the Indian Economic Zone (EEZ), government proposes to set up a Vessel Monitoring System (VSM).

(b): The Centre will be set up in Porbander. The initial cost is estimated at Rs.130 lakhs. The Centre will be operated by the Indian Coast Guard. The objective of the Centre is to prevent Illegal Unreported and Unregulated fishing in our waters.